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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Senator Dolores Gresham, Chair, Senate Education Committee  
Senator Randy McNally, Chair, Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee  
Representative Harry Brooks, Chair, House Education Committee  
Representative Craig Fitzhugh, Chair, House Finance, Ways and Means Committee

FROM: Richard G. Rhoda 

SUBJECT: Complete College Tennessee Act - Spring 2011 Report to the Legislature on Articulation and Transfer

DATE: January 4, 2011

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The Tennessee Higher Education Commission submits the following Spring 2011 report on Articulation and Transfer, specifically on the progress toward completion of the universal transfer of the nineteen-hour pre-major block among state colleges and universities. This is the second of a continuing semester by semester reporting through Fall 2011 as required by the Complete College Tennessee Act of 2010. The first Articulation and Transfer report was submitted September 9, 2010.

The Complete College Tennessee Act of 2010 amended Tenn. Code Ann. 49-7-202(f) to facilitate, among other things, the articulation and transfer of courses between the state colleges and universities. The Act calls for full implementation of this provision by the Fall 2011 semester and requires periodic and annual reports to be made to the chairs of the House and Senate Education and Finance Committees. The law also continues to require the Commission to revise and update the pre-major transfer plans as necessary and to make an annual report by October 1 of each year on this progress. The following progress report indicates the January, 2011 implementation status of this provision.

**Pre-Major Paths Targeted.** Tennessee Higher Education data identified baccalaureate majors where transfer is most frequent and where community college areas of emphasis (history, math, biology, etc.) in the university parallel AA/AS degrees match bachelor degree majors at universities.

**Bachelor Degree Majors Offered.** There are approximately 175 different bachelor's degree majors among the six universities in the Tennessee Board of Regents system and three universities within the University of Tennessee.

**Bachelor's Degrees Excluded.** Some bachelor's degree majors do not have matching community college pre-majors, as community colleges do not have the employment demand, faculty, or resources to offer these areas of emphasis. Bachelor degree majors such as construction technology, international affairs, and nuclear engineering are examples where courses in these majors are only offered at universities. In these instances, students are advised to plan to take all courses in the major field at the university offering the bachelor's degree major. The student can, however, complete the 41-hour common general education core at a community college before transferring to begin work on the degree major.

**General Education Core (41-semester hours) Transfer.** The two systems have completed the construction of a fully transferrable general education core. Additionally, if a student transfers without completing the entire core, the student can transfer completed subject area clusters within the core and will not be required to take additional general education requirements in that cluster upon transfer. Subject area clusters include the physical sciences, social sciences, humanities, history, etc.

**Top Transfer Fields.** THEC data indicate that 43 fields attract about 75 percent of transfers. The joint TBR-UT Articulation Council is the oversight body for producing articulation consensus for the 43 fields. The 43 fields are listed on Attachment A.

**Faculty Committees Constructing the Pathway Articulation Agreements.** The Articulation Council has assembled faculty committees in each of the 43 subject areas to construct the articulation agreement for each discipline. These faculty committees have made great progress toward the Fall 2011 CCTA deadline for completion of pathway articulation. To date:

- **Thirty-six (36) of the 43 pathways** are complete. The September 9, 2010 Articulation and Transfer report noted that 11 pathways had at that time been completed. An example of a pathway articulation agreement is provided as Attachment B.
- The **remaining seven pathways are under construction** by faculty committees, with the Fall 2011 completion date fully anticipated.

**Communication of the Pathways to Students.** In February, TBR and UT will host a state-wide meeting of Registrars, Advisors and Admissions Personnel to explain the pathways and effective communication of the pathways to community college students. A single web page will be developed that will be used by all institutions. This webpage, which will post all pathways, will be kept current by UT and TBR central offices. Plans for assessment of the pathways are being developed. UT and TBR, working together, will begin collecting data in the Fall of 2011 to track the number of students who transfer, their retention and progression at the four-year institutions, their graduation rates, and any problems they encounter so that modifications in the program can be implemented if warranted. TBR and UT are developing a

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Pathways Conference for Spring 2011. Faculty and Administrators from Tennessee public universities, TICUA institutions and other states will be invited to share best practices.

Cc: President Joe DiPietro  
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Attachments



**STATUS REPORT UNIVERSAL  
TRANSFER PATHS  
UT and TBR**

**January 2011**

To accomplish the legislative mandate requiring development of universal transfer paths between all community colleges and public universities in Tennessee, TBR and the UT System, in the summer of 2010, established a formal Articulation Council. Disciplines most chosen by transfer students were identified and task forces, composed of faculty from each discipline and representing all four-year universities and six community colleges, have established Universal Transfer Paths for the following:

1. Accounting	AS. Degree
2. Agriculture--Agricultural Business	AS. Degree
3. Agriculture--Animal Science	A.S. Degree
4. Agriculture-Plant and Soil Science	A.S. Degree
5. Art (Studio)	AA Degree
6. Biology	A.S. Degree
7. Business Administration	A.S. Degree
8. Chemistry	A.S. Degree
9. Computer Science	A.S. Degree
10. Criminal Justice	A.A Degree
11. Criminal Justice	AS. Degree
12. Economics	AA Degree
13. Economics	AS. Degree
14. Engineering-Civil	AS. Degree
15. Engineering-Electrical	A.S. Degree
16. Engineering-Mechanical	A.S. Degree
17. English	AA Degree
18. Foreign Language	A.A Degree
19. Geography	AA Degree
20. Geography	A.S. Degree
21. History	A.A Degree
22. History	AS. Degree
23. Information Systems	AS. Degree
24. Mass Communications	A.A Degree
25. Mass Communications	AS. Degree
26. Mathematics	A.S. Degree
27. Physics	AS. Degree
28. Political Science	AA Degree
29. Political Science	A.S. Degree
30. Pre-Nursing	Freshman Year
31. Psychology	A.A Degree

- 32. Psychology
- 33. Social Work
- 34. Social Work
- 35. Sociology
- 36. Sociology

A.S. Degree  
AA. Degree  
AS. Degree  
AA Degree  
AS. Degree

Throughout the Spring, 2011 Semester, the following disciplinary pathways will be developed:

Exercise Science  
Sports management  
Pre- Dentistry Pre-  
Medicine  
Pre- Pharmacy  
Pre-Veterinary  
Speech and Theatre Arts

All pathways will be completed and in effect Fall, 2011.

UT/TBR  
Universal Transfer Path  
Business Administration

Universal articulation for transfer from community colleges to all UT and TBR 4-year universities for Business Administration majors

General Education – 41 hours

English Composition	6 hours
Communication	3 hours
Humanities	9 hours
History	6 hours
Social Sciences (ECON I & II)	6 hours
Natural Science	8 hours
Mathematics (MATH 1630)	3 hours

Area of Emphasis/Specific Pre-Major Courses – 19 hours, Business Administration

Accounting I & II	6 hours
Statistics *	3 hours
Calculus (MATH 1830)	3 hours
Computer Applications	3 hours
Electives (guided)	4 hours

\*Students who plan to transfer to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville must complete MATH, Calculus-based Probability and Statistics.

Effective Date: Fall 2010